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TITLE: "METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT FOR ENTERING CONTENTS
OF A FRANKING IMPRINT INTO A POSTAGE METER
MACHINE"

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

- AA United States Patent No. 5,825,813
- AB United States Patent No. 5,699,258
- AC United States Patent No. 5,490,077
- AD United States Patent No. 5,471,925
- AE United States Patent No. 4,837,714
- AF United States Patent No. 4,783,745
- AG United States Patent No. 4,764,234
- AH United States Patent No. 4,528,644
- AI United States Patent No. 4,424,573
- AL European Application 0 131 967
- AM European Application 0 111 317

AN European Application 0 111 316
AO European Application 0 099 110
AP European Application 0 088 429
AQ European Application 0 775 984
AL' German OS 41 07 030

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

References AC, AG, AI and AL through AP were identified and discussed in the present specification, and Applicant stands by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of those references.

The remaining references, or their respective German counterparts, were cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office during examination of the German application corresponding to the present United States application. Since all of these references are in English, with the exception of Reference AL', no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary. An English translation of Reference AL' is not readily available to the Applicant, however, an English-language Abstract is attached thereto.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 (two sheets) are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application, and therefore, this Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.



All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings
of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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